

APPENDIX A

COURT-DIRECTED NOTICE REGARDING ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENA


A subpoena has been issued directing your Internet Service Provider ("ISP"), to disclose your name. The subpoena has been issued because you have been sued in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts in Boston, Massachusetts, as a "John Doe" by the movie studio THIRD DEGREE FILMS. You have been sued for infringing copyrights on the Internet by uploading and/or downloading the motion picture "Big Butt Oil Orgy 2." The movie studio has identified you only as a "John Doe" and has served a subpoena on your ISP to learn your identity. This notice is intended to inform you of some of your rights and options.

YOUR NAME HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCLOSED. YOUR NAME WILL BE DISCLOSED IN 30 DAYS IF YOU DO NOT CHALLENGE THE SUBPOENA

Your name has not yet been disclosed. The movie studio has given the Court enough information about your alleged infringement to obtain a subpoena to identify you, but the Court has not yet decided whether you are liable for infringement. You can challenge the subpoena in Court. You have 30 days from the date that this notice is sent to file a motion to quash or vacate the subpoena. If you file a motion to quash the subpoena, your identity will not be disclosed until the motion is resolved (and the companies cannot proceed against you until you are identified). The second page of this notice can assist you in locating an attorney, and lists other resources to help you determine how to respond to the subpoena. If you do not file a motion to quash, at the end of the 30-day period, your ISP will send the movie studio plaintiff your identification information.

OTHER ISSUES REGARDING THE LAWSUIT AGAINST YOU

To maintain a lawsuit against you in the District Court of Massachusetts, the movie studio must establish jurisdiction over you in Massachusetts. If you do not live or work in Massachusetts, or visit the state regularly, you may be able to challenge the Massachusetts court's jurisdiction over you. If your challenge is successful, the case in Massachusetts will be dismissed, but the movie studio may be able to file against you in another state where there is jurisdiction.

~~The movie studio may be willing to discuss the possible settlement of its claims against you. The parties may be able to reach a settlement agreement without your name appearing on the public record. You may be asked to disclose your identity to the movie studio if you seek to pursue settlement. If a settlement is reached, the case against you will be dismissed. It is possible that defendants who seek to settle at the beginning of a case will be offered more favorable settlement terms by the movie studio. You may contact the movie studio's representatives by phone at (413) 268-6500, by fax at (413) 268-6500, or by email at contact@marvincable.com.~~ 

You may also wish to find your own lawyer (see resource list below) to help you evaluate whether it is in your interest to try to reach a settlement or to defend against the lawsuit.

RESOURCE LIST

The organizations listed below provide guidance on how to find an attorney. If you live in or near Massachusetts or Boston, the second and third listings below provide referrals for local attorneys.

American Bar Association

<http://apps.americanbar.org/legalservices/findlegalhelp/home.cfm>

Massachusetts Bar Association

<http://www.massbar.org>

Lawyer referral service: (617) 33 8-0610

Boston Bar Association

<http://www.bostonbar.org>

Lawyer referral service: (617) 742-0625

The organizations listed below have appeared before other courts around the country in similar lawsuits as “friends of the court” to attempt to protect what they believe to be the due process and First Amendment rights of Doe defendants.

Electronic Frontier Foundation

454 Shotwell Street

San Francisco, California 941 10-1914

E-mail: information@eff.org

Public Citizen

1600 20th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20009

Phone: (202) 588-7721

E-mail: litigation@citizen.org